

ANALYSIS OF DIFFERENT UNCERTAINTY ACTIVATION CROSS SECTION DATA LIBRARIES FOR LWR, ADS AND DEMO NEUTRON SPECTRA

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Using EAF-2007, EAF-2010 and SCALE-6.0

(relative error, Δ) $\sim \Delta_{I=1,EXP} = \Delta_{I=1,EAF}/3$

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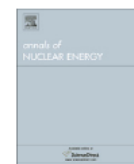
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Nuclear data requirements for the ADS conceptual design EFIT: Uncertainty and sensitivity study

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we assess the impact of activation cross-section uncertainties on relevant fuel cycle parameters for a conceptual design of a modular European Facility for Industrial Transmutation (EFIT) with a “double strata” fuel cycle. Next, the nuclear data requirements are evaluated so that the parameters can meet the assigned design target accuracies. Different discharge burn-up levels are considered: a low burn-up, corresponding to the equilibrium cycle, and a high burn-up level, simulating the effects on the fuel of the multi-recycling scenario.

In order to perform this study, we propose a methodology in two steps. Firstly, we compute the uncertainties on the system parameters by using a Monte Carlo simulation, as it is considered the most reliable approach to address this problem. Secondly, the analysis of the results is performed by a sensitivity technique, in order to identify the relevant reaction channels and prioritize the data improvement needs. Cross-section uncertainties are taken from the EAF-2007/UN library since it includes data for all the actinides potentially present in the irradiated fuel.

Relevant uncertainties in some of the fuel cycle parameters have been obtained, and we conclude with recommendations for future nuclear data measurement programs, beyond the specific results obtained with the present nuclear data files and the limited available covariance information. A comparison with the uncertainty and accuracy analysis recently published by the WPEC-Subgroup26 of the OECD using BOLNA covariance matrices is performed. Despite the differences in the transmuter reactor used for the analysis, some conclusions obtained by Subgroup26 are qualitatively corroborated, and improvements for additional cross sections are suggested.

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- ADS conceptual design EFIT fuel cycle
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- Identifying critical XS in order to reduce uncertainties

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ADS Uncertainty Requirements

Table. Critical cross-section uncertainties collapsed in one-group and processed from EAF2007/UN (Δ_{EAF}) and their target accuracies (Δ_{target})

- **Target of required accuracies**

- 1) Uncertainty in the **concentration of all the nuclides of interest** **<5%**
- 2) Uncertainty in the **response functions in the cooling times (decay heat, radiotoxicity, neutron emission, ...)** **<10%**

- **List of priorities**

- Fission cross sections of $^{242\text{m}}\text{Am}$, ^{243}Cm , $^{250,251}\text{Cf}$
- (n, γ) of ^{234}U , ^{237}Np , $^{241,242\text{m}}\text{Am}$, $^{242,244,245,246,247,248}\text{Cm}$, ^{249}Bk , $^{249,250,251}\text{Cf}$
- $(n, \gamma\text{-M})$ of ^{234}U , ^{241}Am

500GWd/tHM burn-up

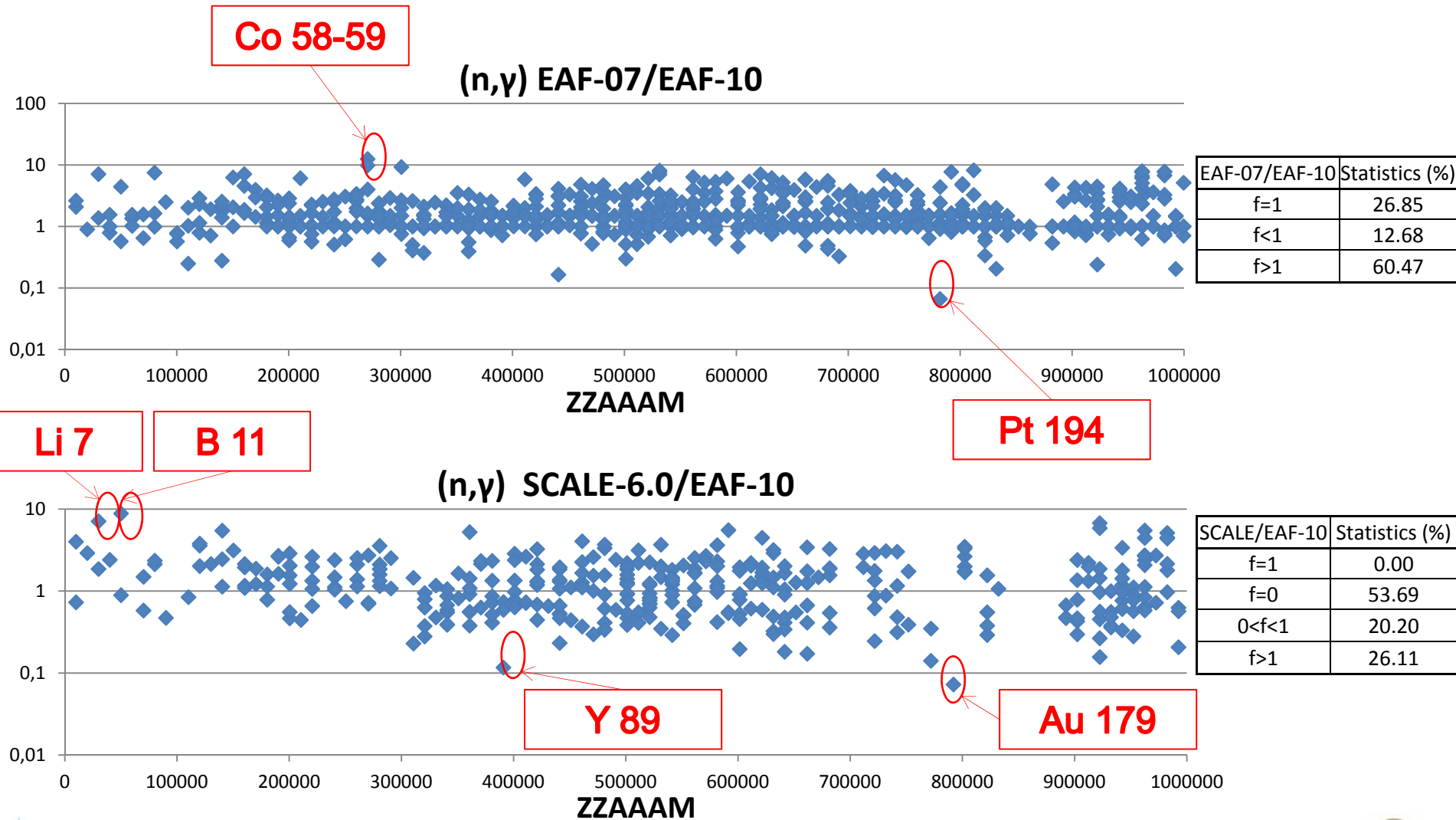
Reaction		Δ_{EAF}	Δ_{TARGET}
U^{234}	(n, γ)	38.9	7.1
	$(n, \gamma - M)$	38.9	7.1
U^{235}	Fission	12.9	4.2
Np^{237}	(n, γ)	14.3	2.8
Pu^{238}	Fission	12.3	6.4
	(n, γ)	14.5	5.2
Pu^{239}	Fission	9.6	3.4
Pu^{240}	(n, γ)	9.3	4.8
Pu^{241}	Fission	15.6	4.2
Pu^{242}	(n, γ)	12.6	5.3
Am^{241}	(n, γ)	15.8	2.8
	$(n, \gamma - M)$	15.9	2.9
$\text{Am}^{242\text{m}}$	Fission	24.0	2.4
	(n, γ)	32.8	6.2
Am^{243}	$(n, \gamma - M)$	15.3	4.1
Cm^{242}	(n, γ)	30.0	3.4
Cm^{243}	Fission	16.0	3.2
	(n, γ)	32.0	7.4
Cm^{244}	(n, γ)	24.6	4.6
Cm^{245}	Fission	9.7	4.1
	(n, γ)	32.7	5.5
Cm^{246}	(n, γ)	28.2	4.3
Cm^{247}	Fission	16.5	4.0
	(n, γ)	32.1	5.0
Cm^{248}	(n, γ)	19.2	2.5
Bk^{249}	(n, γ)	31.7	3.2
Cf^{249}	(n, γ)	32.4	4.3
Cf^{250}	Fission	33.0	6.9
	(n, γ)	29.3	2.6
Cf^{251}	Fission	31.6	3.7
	(n, γ)	29.9	2.4

ADS Uncertainty collapsed in one energy group

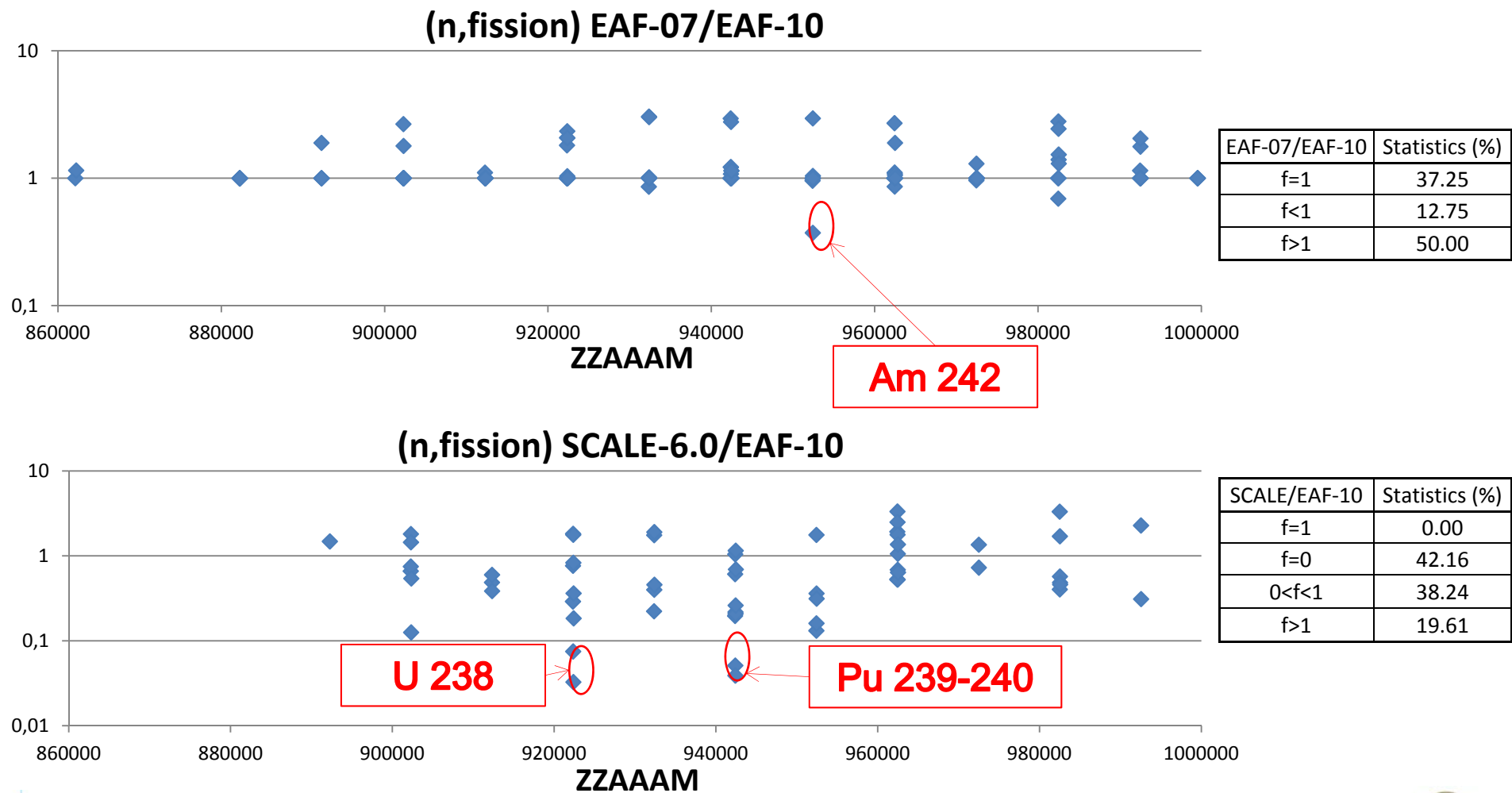
Table. One-group uncertainties in the critical cross-sections processed from EAF2007/UN (3-4 groups), EAF2010/UN(3-4 groups) and SCALE6.0-COVA (44 groups). Calculations correspond to a burn-up of 500GWd/tHM.

Isotope	(n,fission)				(n, γ)				(n, γ -M)			
	EAF2007	EAF2010	SCALE6.0	TARGET	EAF2007	EAF2010	SCALE6.0	TARGET	EAF2007	EAF2010	SCALE6.0	TARGET
234U	16.5	16.5	30.0		38.9	26.0	6.9	7.1	38.9	26.0	-	7.1
235U	12.9	5.5	0.4	4.2	11.3	3.2	21.8		-	-	-	
236U	15.9	15.3	27.2		8.9	3.2	3.1		-	-	-	
238U	16.6	16.6	0.5		6.7	3.2	1.4		-	-	-	
237Np	16.7	16.4	6.6		14.3	9.1	3.3	2.8	-	-	-	
238Pu	12.4	10.1	10.6	6.4	14.5	3.7	6.6	5.2	-	-	-	
239Pu	9.6	7.9	0.4	3.4	12.5	4.2	4.8		-	-	-	
240Pu	15.8	14.7	0.6		9.3	3.6	1.2	4.8	-	-	-	
241Pu	15.6	5.6	1.2	4.2	15.4	5.2	4.0		-	-	-	
242Pu	16.5	16.5	3.4		12.6	3.5	5.0	5.3	-	-	-	
244Pu	16.5	16.5	19.0		30.4	7.4	24.9		-	-	-	
241Am	16.6	16.6	2.2		15.8	16.7	4.7	2.8	15.8	16.7	-	2.9
242MAm	16.5	5.6	9.8	2.4	32.8	13.2	14.5	6.2	-	-	-	
243Am	16.6	16.0	5.8		15.3	5.0	4.5		15.3	3.8	-	4.1
242Cm	16.5	16.5	31.9		30.0	12.9	10.8	3.4	-	-	-	
243Cm	16.0	5.9	19.7	3.2	32.0	5.2	14.2	7.4	-	-	-	
244Cm	16.4	14.8	37.0		24.6	3.7	7.7	4.6	-	-	-	
245Cm	9.8	11.3	20.2	4.1	32.8	4.1	9.8	5.5	-	-	-	
246Cm	16.6	15.2	8.0		28.2	3.7	20.3	4.3	-	-	-	
247Cm	16.5	16.5	11.3	4.0	32.1	7.7	20.6	5.0	-	-	-	
248Cm	16.2	15.3	16.2		19.2	3.8	16.9	2.5	-	-	-	
249Bk	16.6	16.6	22.5		31.7	8.8	23.7	3.2	-	-	-	
249Cf	16.3	5.8	19.3		32.4	4.8	24.5	4.3	-	-	-	
250Cf	33.0	33.0	13.3	6.9	29.3	9.0	16.0	2.6	-	-	-	
251Cf	31.6	12.9	21.9	3.7	30.0	3.9	16.6	2.4	-	-	-	
252Cf	15.0	10.7	6.1		31.2	4.0	18.1		-	-	-	

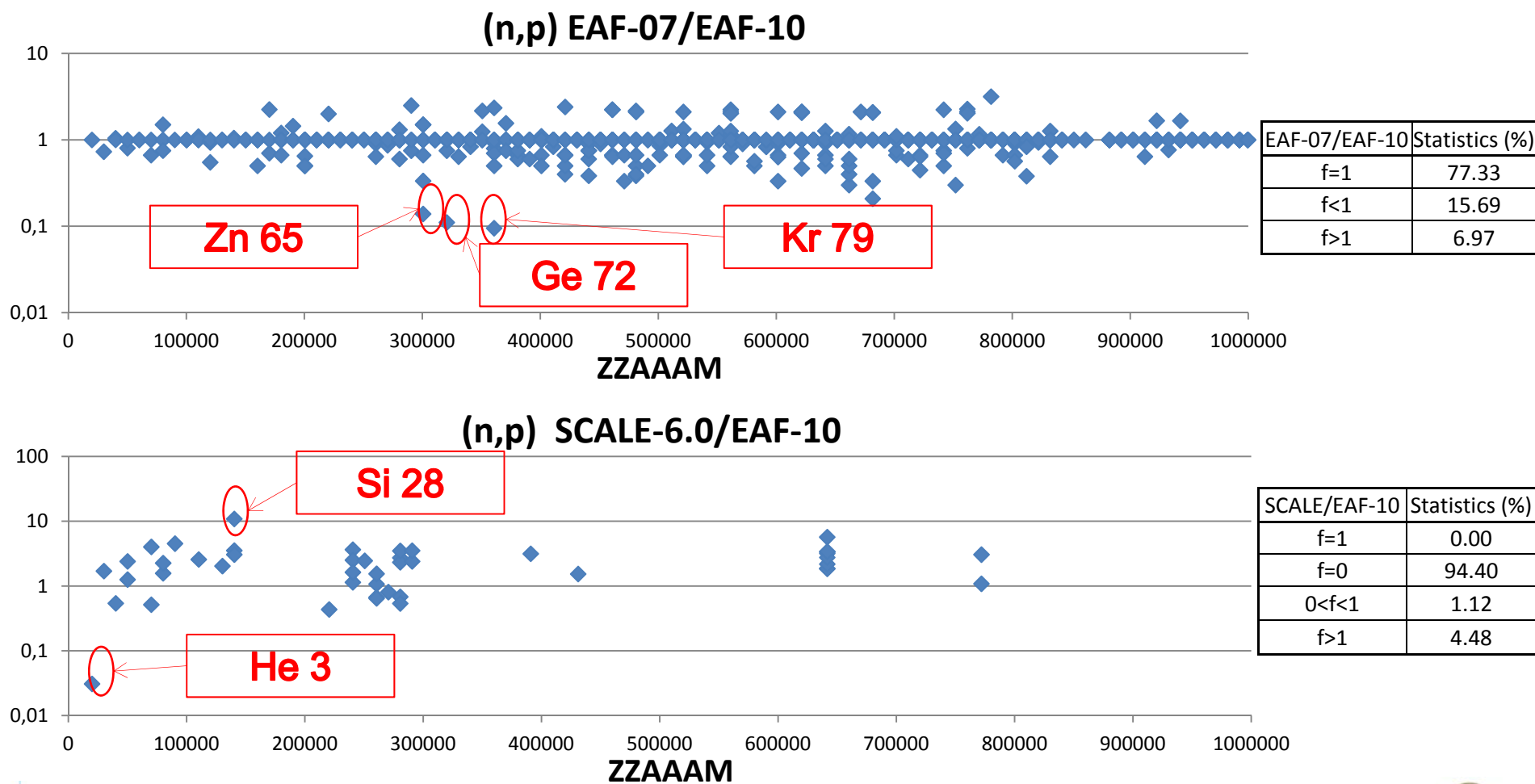
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PWR Uncertainty Requirements

Table. Critical cross-section uncertainties processed from BOLNA covariance matrices and their target accuracies

System studied:

Extended BU PWR

- U-235 enrichment: 8.5%
- Burnup 100 GW d/kg.

Table 22. PWR target accuracies (1σ)

k_{eff}	Doppler reactivity coefficient	Burn-up $\Delta\rho$	Transmutation
0.5%	10%	500 pcm	5%

• List of priorities

- Fission cross sections (n,f): ^{239}Pu , ^{241}Pu
- Capture cross sections (n, γ): ^{235}U , ^{238}U , ^{239}Pu , ^{240}Pu , ^{241}Pu , ^{242}Pu , ^{16}O

Table 8. PWR target accuracy results

Isotope	Cross-section	Energy range	Uncertainty (%)		
			Initial	Required	
				$\lambda=1$	$\lambda \neq 1$ ^(a)
^{235}U	σ_{capt}	67.4-24.8 keV	32.9	19.9	18.5
		24.8-9.12 keV	34.0	17.8	16.2
		9.12-2.03 keV	33.9	11.5	10.3
^{238}U	σ_{capt}	24.8-9.12 keV	9.4	4.6	4.0
		9.12-2.03 keV	3.1	3.1	2.9
		454-22.6 eV	1.7	1.4	1.3
	σ_{scatt}	19.6-6.07 MeV	13.3	13.1	11.6
		6.07-2.23 MeV	14.6	5.1	4.6
		2.23-1.35 MeV	18.8	8.0	7.1
^{239}Pu	σ_{capt}	0.54-0.10 eV	1.4	1.0	0.9
	σ_{fiss}	0.54-0.10 eV	0.9	0.9	0.8
^{240}Pu	σ_{capt}	0.54-0.10 eV	3.2	3.1	3.2
		0.10 eV-thermal	4.8	3.1	4.0
^{241}Pu	σ_{capt}	22.6-4.00 eV	8.4	7.3	8.4
		0.54-0.10 eV	6.8	3.0	3.8
	σ_{fiss}	2.03-0.454 keV	12.7	11.2	12.7
		454-22.6 eV	19.4	4.7	5.9
		22.6-4.00 eV	4.2	3.3	4.2
		4.00-0.54 eV	26.8	7.7	9.8
		0.54-0.10 eV	2.9	1.7	2.2
		0.10 eV-thermal	3.3	1.9	2.4
^{242}Pu	σ_{capt}	4.00-0.54 eV	3.8	3.4	3.8
O	σ_{capt}	19.6-6.07 MeV	100.0	12.1	10.9
		6.07-2.23 MeV	100.0	9.9	8.9
	σ_{scatt}	19.6-6.07 MeV	84.6	15.6	13.9
		6.07-2.23 MeV	54.9	12.6	11.3
		2.23-1.35 MeV	12.2	8.3	7.5

PWR Uncertainty Requirements: EAF2007-EAF2010

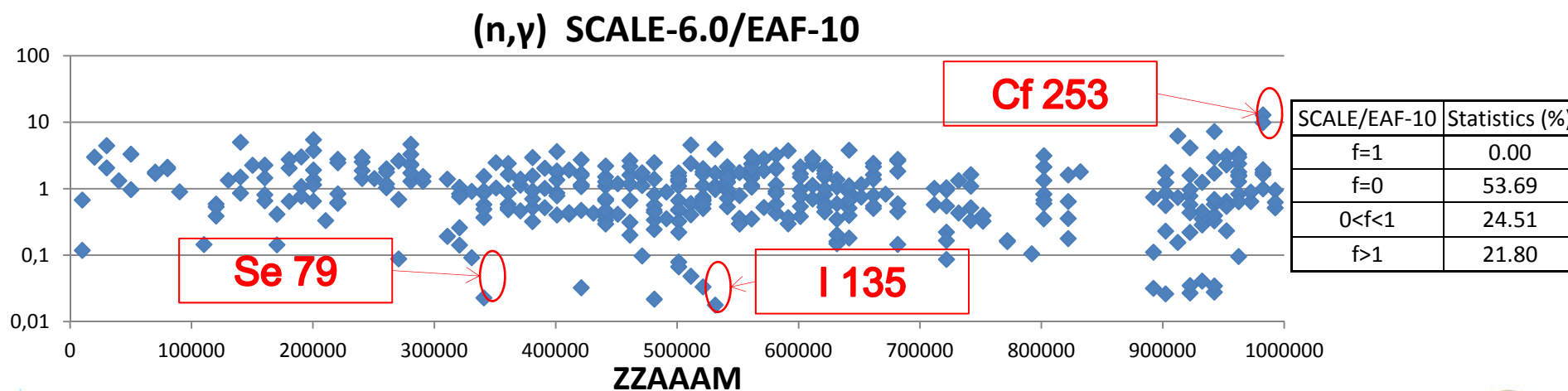
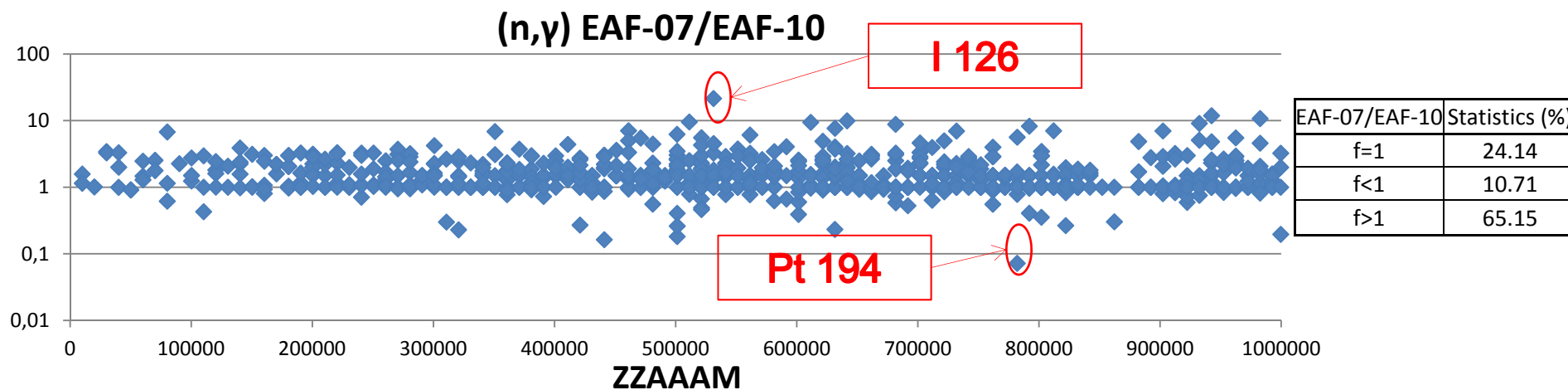
Using BOLNA covariance matrices

Isotpe		Cross-section	Energy range	Uncertainty			EAF - 2007		EAF - 2010	
				Initial	Required		Energy Range	Uncertainty	Energy Range	Uncertainty
					λ=1	λ≠1				
U	235	(n,γ)	67.4 - 24.8 keV	32.9	19.9	18.5	2.25 keV - 20 MeV	16.67	0.10 eV - 0.10 MeV	3.33
			24.8 - 9.12 keV	43	17.8	16.2				
			9.12 - 2.03 keV	33.9	11.5	10.3				
	238	(n,γ)	24.8 - 9.12 keV	9.4	4.6	4	10 keV - 20 MeV	16.67	0.5 eV - 0.10 MeV	3.33
			9.12 - 2.03 keV	3.1	3.1	2.9	1.0 eV - 10 keV	3.33		
			454 - 2.6 eV	1.7	1.4	1.3				
Pu	239	(n,γ)	0.54 - 0.10 eV	1.4	1	0.9	Thermal - 0.10 eV	3.70	0.10 eV - 0.10 MeV	4.27
		(n,fission)	0.54 - 0.10 eV	0.9	0.9	0.8	Thermal - 30 keV	3.33	Thermal - 0.50 eV	3.33
	240	(n,γ)	0.54 - 0.10 eV	3.2	3.1	3.2	0.10 eV - 4.0 keV	3.57	0.10 eV - 0.10 MeV	3.33
			0.10 eV - thermal	4.8	3.1	4	Thermal - 0.10 eV	3.43	Thermal - 0.10 eV	3.33
	241	(n,γ)	22.6 - 4.00 eV	8.4	7.3	8.4	0.10 eV - 0.30 keV	6.27	0.10 eV - 0.10 MeV	3.33
			0.54 - 0.10 eV	6.8	3	3.8				
		(n,fission)	2.03 - 0.454 keV	12.7	11.2	12.7	Thermal - 30 keV	3.33	Thermal - 0.10 MeV	3.33
			454 - 22.6 eV	19.4	4.7	5.9				
			22.6 - 4.00 eV	4.2	3.3	4.2				
			4.00 - 0.54 eV	26.8	7.7	9.8				
			0.54 - 0.10 eV	2.9	1.7	2.2				
			0.10 eV - thermal	3.3	1.9	2.4				
	242	(n,γ)	4.00 - 0.54 eV	3.8	3.4	3.8	0.05 eV - 1.29 keV	9.10	0.50 eV - 0.10 MeV	3.33
O		(n,γ)	19.6 - 6.07 MeV	100	12.1	10.9	1.0 MeV - 20 MeV	33.33	1.0 MeV - 20 MeV	33.33
			6.07 - 2.23 MeV	100	9.9	8.9				

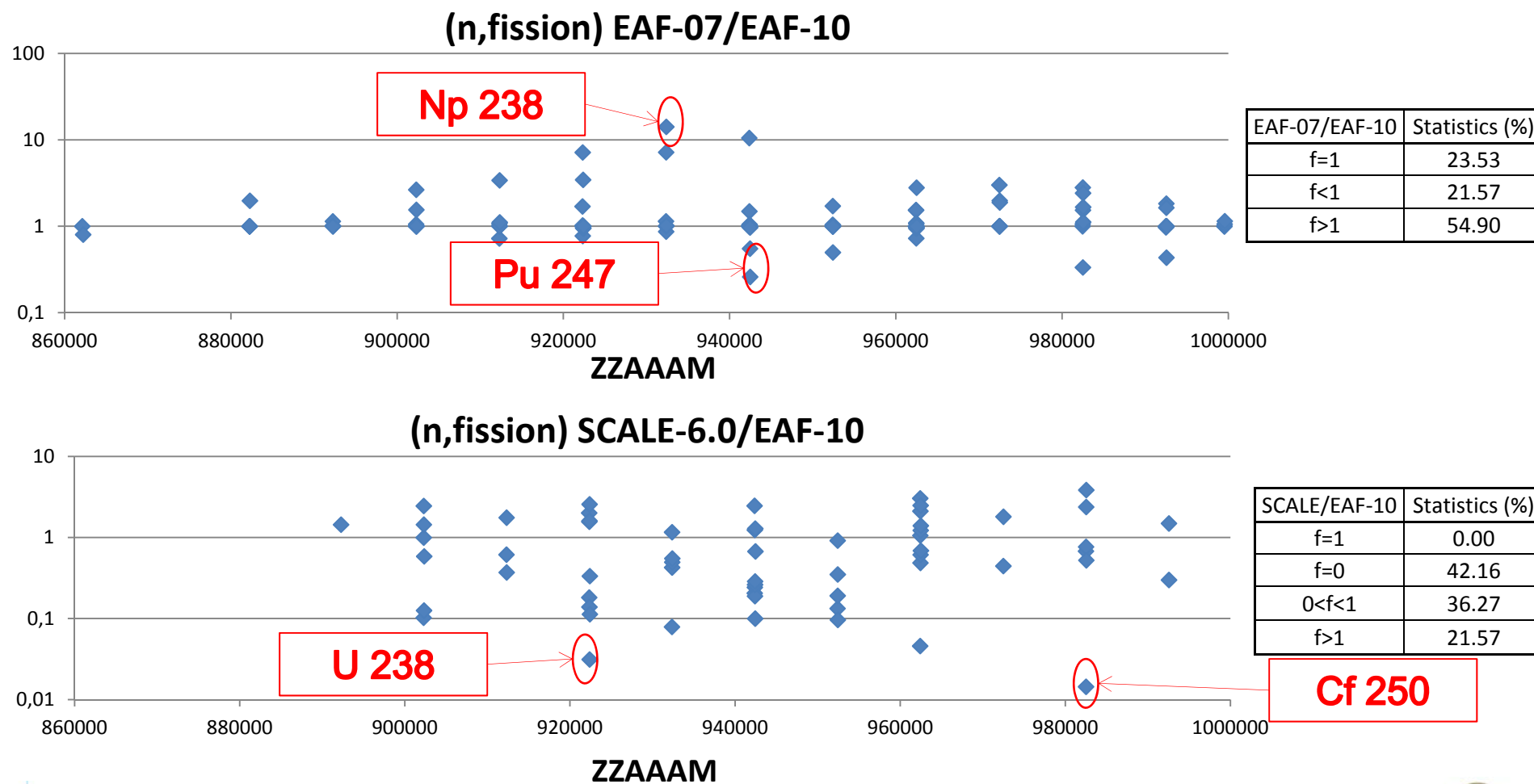
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		To compare values								
		Best			Regular			Worst		
		(n,fission)			(n,γ)			(n,γ-M)		
ISOTOPE		EAF-2007	EAF-2010	SCALE 6.0	EAF-2007	EAF-2010	SCALE 6.0	EAF-2007	EAF-2010	SCALE 6.0
U	234	15.86	15.84	24.82	38.87	26.03	5.73	38.87	26.03	
	235	2.39	2.39	0.33	2.64	2.35	1.35			
	236	11.67	12.16	19.5	3.85	3.1	2.99			
	238	16.65	16.65	0.52	3.15	3.17	1.38			
Np	237	16.5	16.41	7	5.72	7.58	2.68			
Pu	238	7.23	4.86	6.01	3.73	3.07	1.79			
	239	3.32	3.2	0.78	8.21	3.55	1.17			
	240	14.94	14.27	2.7	3.3	3.09	1.23			
	241	3.3	3.32	0.87	3.9	2.39	0.94			
	242	15.81	15.77	4.53	8.51	3.31	9.76			
	244	16.56	16.56	21.32	23.48	4.87	35.39			
Am	241	21.34	12.44	1.66	6.38	3.89	2.5	8.08	9.21	
	241M	3.31	3.33	3.05	22.36	10.19	23.2			
	243	15	14.62	5.12	3.72	4.44	2.41	8	3.04	
Cm	242	16.6	10.79	32.83	19.29	9.42	12.05			
	243	3.94	2.56	2.71	5.94	2.35	5.58			
	244	13.36	12.22	25.8	6.93	3.01	9.99			
	245	3.65	5.03	2.45	14.68	2.67	4.28			
	246	14.6	13.67	8.37	7.99	3.15	5.63			
	247	4.96	5.25	13.04	16.51	7.63	6.33			
	248	12.91	13.36	16.33	10.48	3.57	5.5			
Bk	249	28.84	14.56	6.47	9.52	7.74	4.96			
Cf	249	7.3	2.6	1.76	3.94	2.51	4.39			
	250	13.81	41.36	0.6	4.85	5.93	5.91			
	251	8.74	5.7	4.37	5.95	2.88	4.73			
	252	11.69	4.84	11.5	12.14	2.65	5.13			

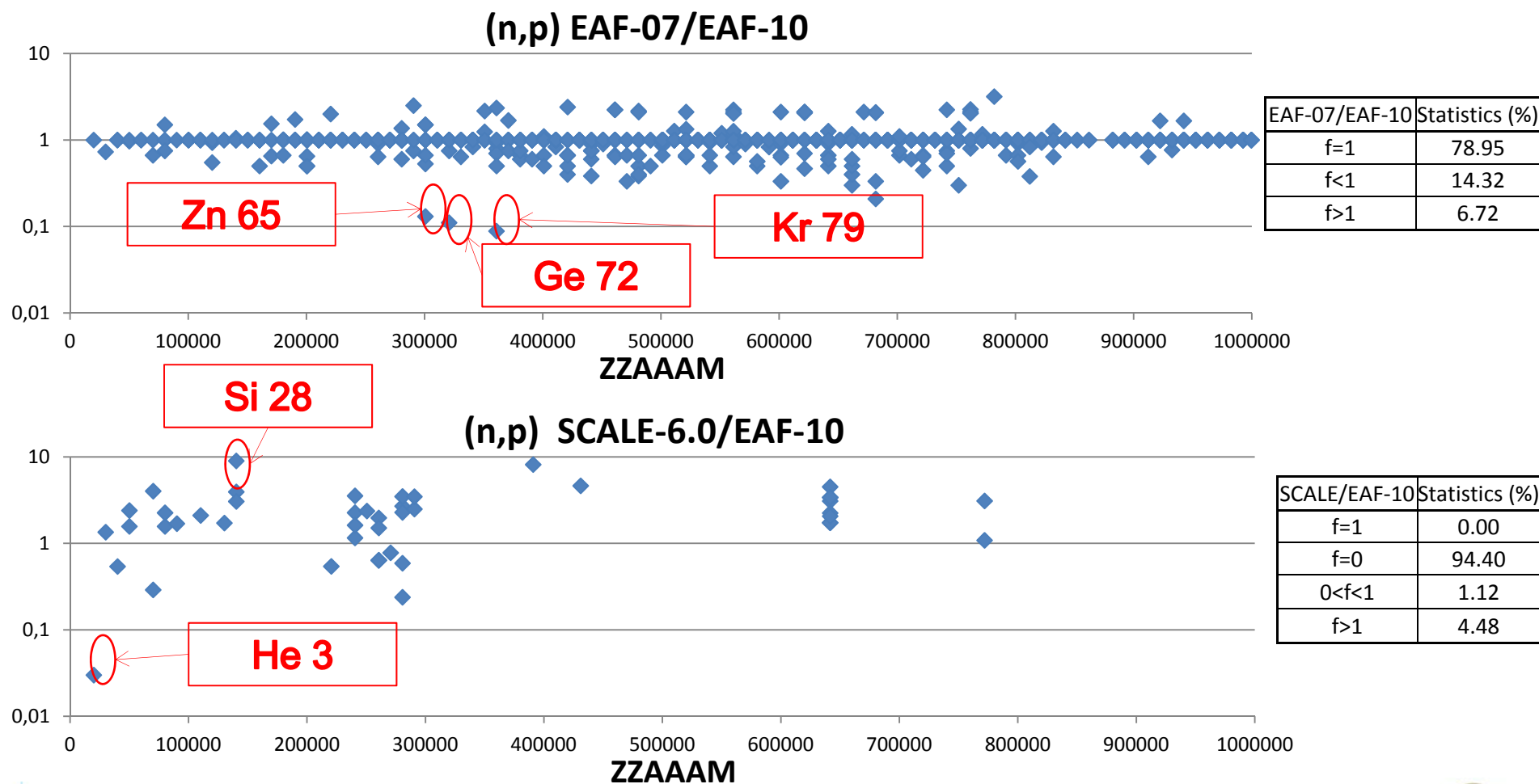
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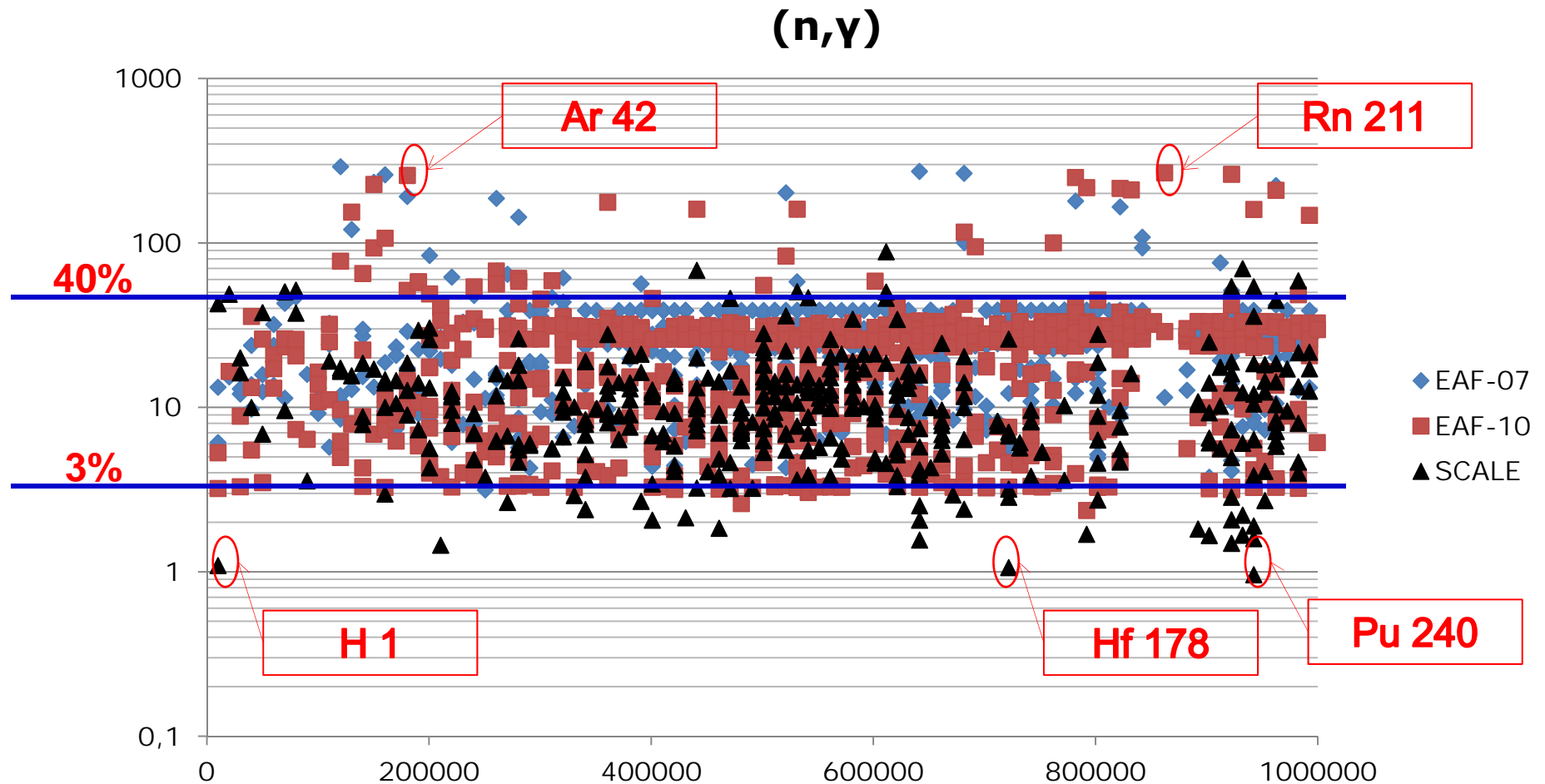


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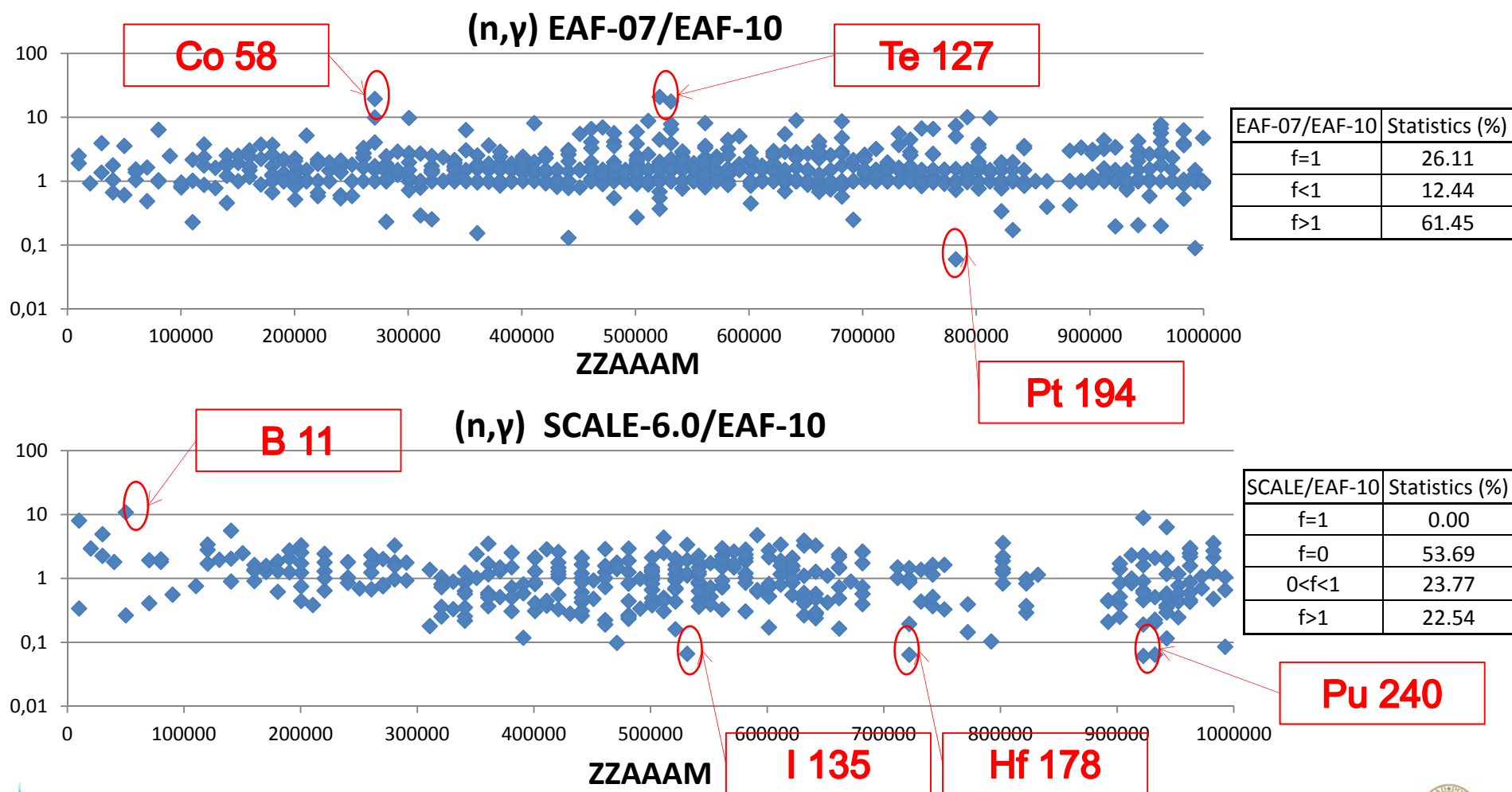
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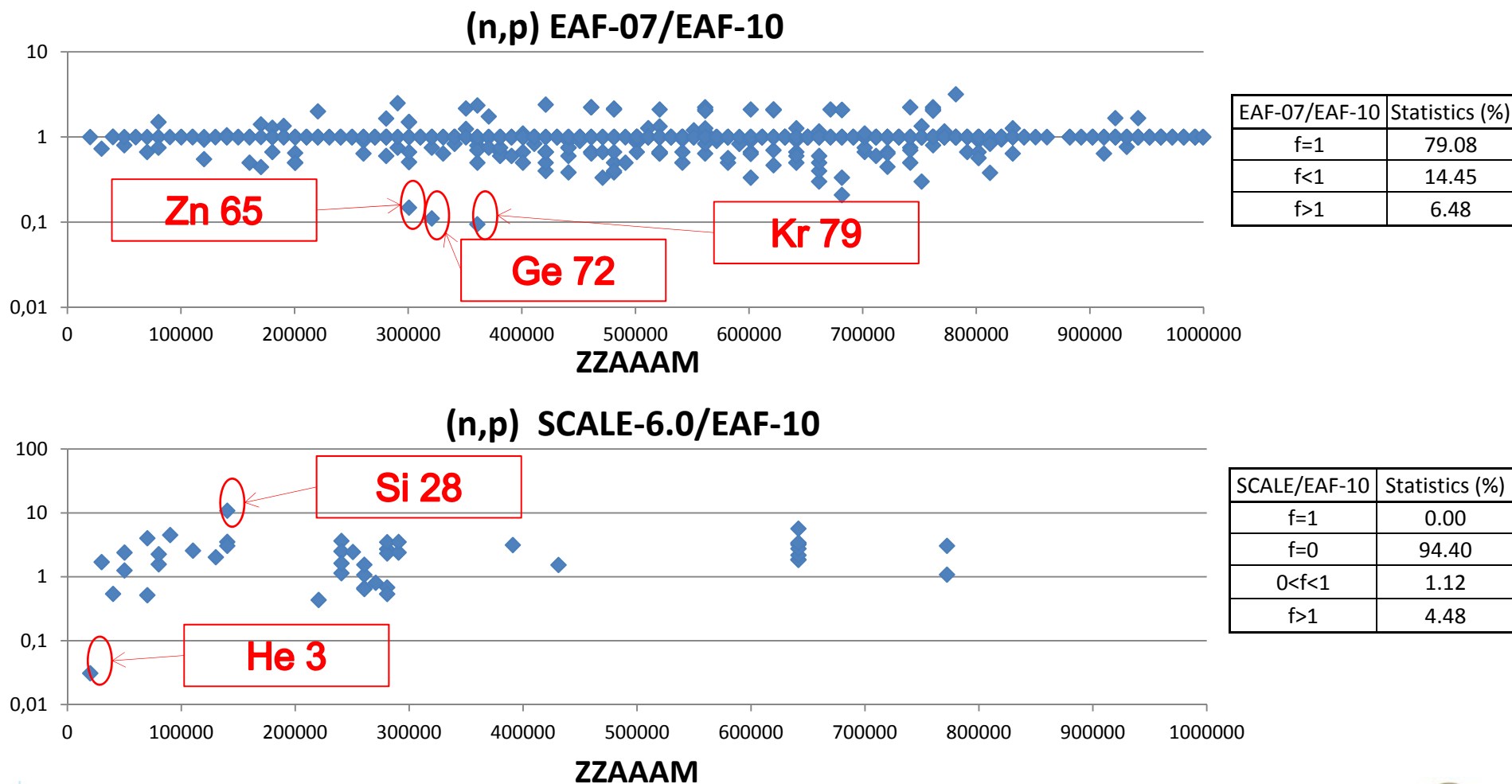
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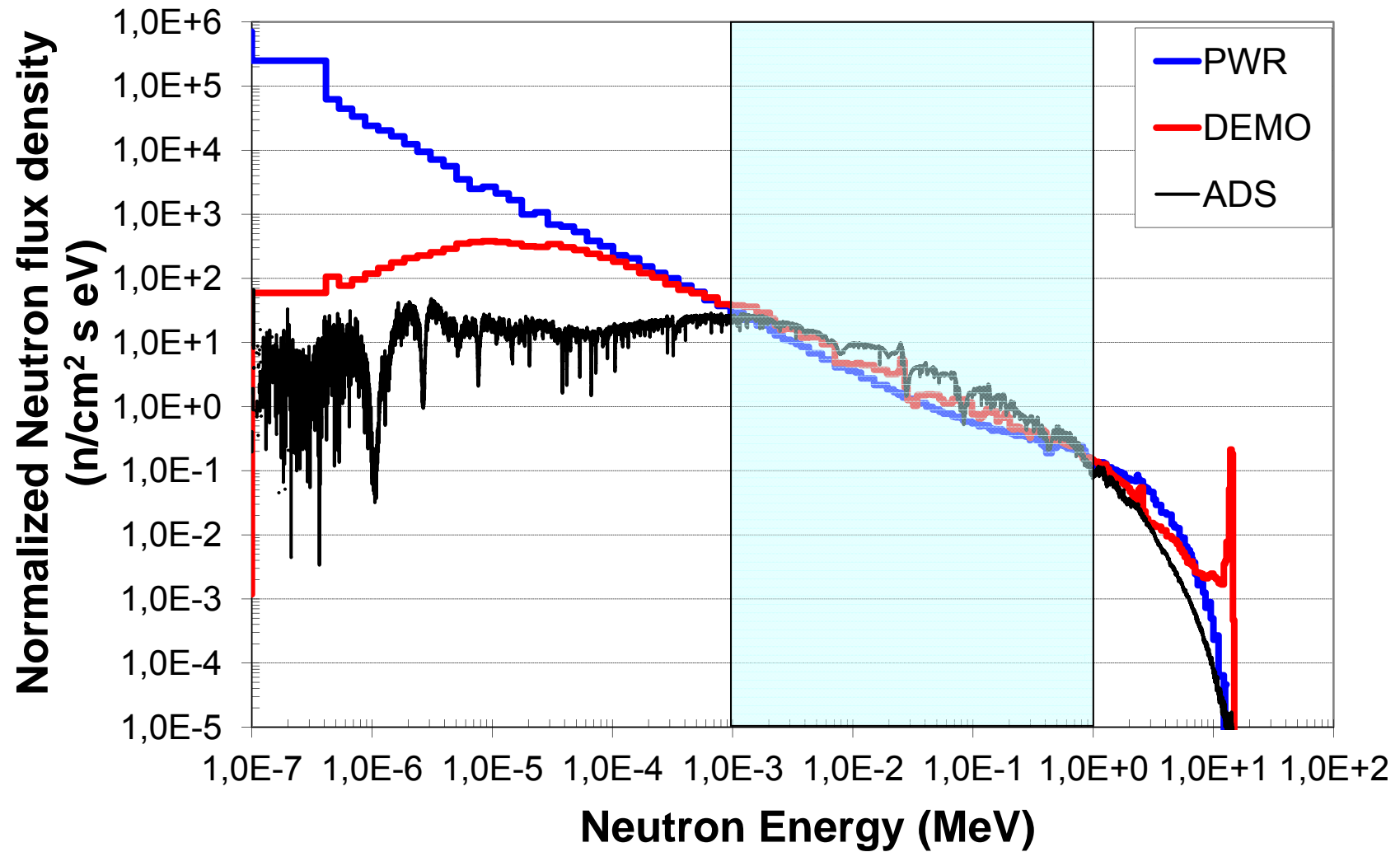


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Neutron spectrum effect



Neutron spectrum effect: (n,gamma)

To compare values

Best

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(n, γ)		EAF-2007			EAF-2010			SCALE 6.0		
ISOTOPE		PWR	ADS	DEMO	PWR	ADS	DEMO	PWR	ADS	DEMO
U	234	38.87	38.87	38.87	26.03	26.03	26.03	5.73	6.93	4.95
	235	2.64	11.28	4.75	2.35	3.23	3.2	1.35	21.8	7.32
	236	3.85	8.9	4.11	3.1	3.2	3.24	2.99	3.11	2.07
	238	3.15	6.67	3.27	3.17	3.17	3.27	1.38	1.44	1.49
Np	237	5.72	14.33	7.63	7.58	9.13	9.79	2.68	3.3	2.21
Pu	238	3.73	14.46	9.99	3.07	3.69	3.27	1.79	6.63	3.84
	239	8.21	12.48	8.64	3.55	4.21	4.18	1.17	4.86	1.59
	240	3.3	9.26	3.52	3.09	3.62	3.28	1.23	1.2	0.96
	241	3.9	15.37	7.99	2.39	5.22	3.27	0.94	4	1.9
	242	8.51	12.62	8.01	3.31	3.51	3.27	9.76	5	6.36
	244	23.48	30.44	23.86	4.87	7.36	5.64	35.39	24.88	35.87
Am	241	6.38	15.81	9.72	3.89	16.65	16.55	2.5	4.67	4.08
	241M	22.36	32.77	27.78	10.19	13.18	10.48	23.2	14.66	12.4
	243	3.72	15.34	7.28	4.44	4.98	4.71	2.41	4.48	2.71
Cm	242	19.29	30.01	24.25	9.42	12.86	13.65	12.05	10.8	6.25
	243	5.94	31.97	20.18	2.35	5.21	3.56	5.58	14.24	10.39
	244	6.93	24.56	8.47	3.01	3.72	3.27	9.99	7.72	7.18
	245	14.68	32.75	25.83	2.67	4.13	3.35	4.28	9.83	8.35
	246	7.99	28.21	13.82	3.15	3.7	3.29	5.63	20.32	8.11
	247	16.51	32.12	23.03	7.63	7.67	8.17	6.33	20.59	7.13
	248	10.48	19.19	10.57	3.57	3.79	3.68	5.5	16.85	5.79
Bk	249	9.52	31.73	20.56	7.74	8.82	8.86	4.96	23.99	9.49
Cf	249	3.94	32.39	23.13	2.51	4.8	3.73	4.39	24.59	13.35
	250	4.85	29.33	8.72	5.93	8.97	9.72	5.91	16.06	4.65
	251	5.95	29.95	12.72	2.88	3.85	3.22	4.73	16.89	3.99
	252	12.14	31.22	23.64	2.65	4.03	3.8	5.13	18.11	8.01

Neutron spectrum effect: (n,fission)

To compare values

Best

Regular

Worst

(n,fission)		EAF-2007			EAF-2010			SCALE 6.0		
ISOTOPE		PWR	ADS	DEMO	PWR	ADS	DEMO	PWR	ADS	DEMO
U	234	15.86	16.47	16.43	15.84	16.47	16.43	24.82	29.99	15.37
	235	2.39	12.86	6.99	2.39	5.5	4.7	0.33	0.41	0.3
	236	11.67	15.88	15.68	12.16	15.31	15.63	19.5	27.16	11.42
	238	16.65	16.61	16.66	16.65	16.61	16.66	0.52	0.54	0.55
Np	237	16.5	16.66	16.64	16.41	16.39	16.55	7	6.55	3.81
Pu	238	7.23	12.35	12.5	4.86	10.09	11.21	6.01	10.55	10.75
	239	3.32	9.59	6.02	3.2	7.87	6.48	0.78	0.4	0.58
	240	14.94	15.84	16.16	14.27	14.68	15.87	2.7	0.57	0.59
	241	3.3	15.58	8.79	3.32	5.64	4.3	0.87	1.23	0.75
	242	15.81	16.46	16.52	15.77	16.46	16.52	4.53	3.43	3.61
	244	16.56	16.48	16.6	16.56	16.47	16.59	21.32	18.96	17.29
Am	241	21.34	16.62	16.4	12.44	16.62	16.4	1.66	2.19	2.71
	241M	3.31	16.48	15.1	3.33	5.59	4.28	3.05	9.88	7.28
	243	15	16.61	16.48	14.62	15.95	16.29	5.12	5.76	9.67
Cm	242	16.6	16.52	16.17	10.79	16.51	15.66	32.83	31.85	24.37
	243	3.94	16	10.64	2.56	5.91	4.68	2.71	19.72	9.03
	244	13.36	16.42	15.93	12.22	14.82	15.39	25.8	37.01	21.33
	245	3.65	9.75	7.3	5.03	11.33	12.56	2.45	20.18	9.45
	246	14.6	16.59	16.41	13.67	15.24	15.99	8.37	8.01	8.58
	247	4.96	16.46	14.43	5.25	16.46	14.44	13.04	11.3	11.42
	248	12.91	16.19	15.41	13.36	15.28	15.33	16.33	16.17	16.11
Bk	249	28.84	16.61	16.44	14.56	16.61	16.44	6.47	22.5	20.02
Cf	249	7.3	16.28	12.85	2.6	5.83	4.79	1.76	19.35	7.31
	250	13.81	32.97	29.36	41.36	32.98	30.73	0.6	13.32	12.85
	251	8.74	31.57	17.82	5.7	12.92	9.5	4.37	22.02	9.23
	252	11.69	14.95	14.72	4.84	10.68	9.74	11.5	6.11	12.54

SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS



- ADS

- EAF2010 shows a real improvement
 - **To be used as a “reference” activation uncertainty library**
- SCALE6.0 should be used as a “reference” uncertainty library
 - **Fulfil most accuracy requirements**

- PWR

- EAF2010 shows an improvement, but does not fulfil all target accuracies
- SCALE6.0 lacks in giving uncertainties for all isotopes
 - Obtains the **lowest uncertainties** for **U, Np, Pu, Am, Cm, Bk, Cf** on (n,f)
 - Obtains the **lowest uncertainties** for **U, Np, Pu** on (n,g)

- DEMO

- The bulk of cross-section uncertainties is between 3% and 40% for most isotopes
- EAF2010 reduces most of uncertainties, **but not for (n,p)**
- SCALE6.0 uncertainties **do not reach lower errors than EAF-2010**, but **have some lowest values** for some isotopes

- Neutron spectrum effect:

- ADS spectrum has the worst effect on one-group uncertainties
- PWR spectrum reaches the lowest uncertainties
- DEMO spectrum produces cross-section uncertainties between ADS and PWR because it is a mix of fast and thermal energies

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